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EX PARTE

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Communications Assistance for Law
Enforcement Act, ET Docket No. 04-295**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On January 26, 2006, the American Library Association, the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) and the Association of College Research Libraries, represented by Albert Gidari, Perkins Coie, and Prue Adler, ARL, met with Julius Knapp, Geraldine Maise, Rodney Small, Christi Shewman, Denise Coca, and Jennifer Ruppert to discuss the exclusion of libraries and the private networks upon which they rely from the Commission's proposed definition of a telecommunications carrier under the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act (CALEA). We emphasized our support for the Commission's finding that it is not in the public interest at this time to deem libraries to be telecommunications carriers for purposes of CALEA and out understanding that private networks that support library connectivity likewise are not covered by CALEA.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Albert Gidari".

Albert Gidari

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